(f) to (h) The Ministry has an ongoing scheme for funding R&D projects for development of such technology. Various institutions including Veterinary colleges. Agricultural Universities & Cooperatives are eligible to avail this assistance.

Vacant Engineering Seats

2027. PROF. A LAKSHMISAGAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have collected the data regarding the number of vacant engineering seats all over the country for the current academic year;

(b) if so. the details regarding the number of seats available and the vacant seats, State-wise; and

(c) the reasons behind the downfall in the demand for engineering seats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA) : (a) to (c) Admission to Engineering Colleges are made by the State level Committees based on the intake approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Details on vacant seats all over the country is not maintained centrally.

Financial Assistance for Hindi Teachers' Posts in Non-Hindi speaking States

2028. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's proposal to extend financial assistance for creation of posts of Hindi Teachers in non-Hindi speaking States. specially for encouraging Hindi teaching;